it would be desirable to locate it in or around Delhi. NIDM is at present located in Delhi.

Bogus freedom fighters

1561. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of freedom fighters found bogus during investigation by Government, State-wise;

(b) whether any recovery has been made from those bogus freedom fighters; and

(c) the State-wise detail of the investigations regarding bogus freedom fighters in progress in various States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) As per available records, a total of 3113 pensions have been suspended and 1599 pensions have been cancelled till 30.10.2005, since the inception of the Central scheme in 1972. A statement showing the State-wise details is annexed in the enclosed statement (*See* below).

(b) The pensions drawn earlier are also simultaneously ordered to be recovered in all cases where the pensions are cancelled (except where it is duly established that the earlier pensions were obtained on mistaken ground, *i.e.*, the persons were not at fault and no malafide or submission of false information, etc. was made out against them). Actual recovery is made by the concerned State Governments. The Central Government does not maintain record of the recoveries effected.

(c) Receipt of complaints/information from various sources alleging bogus/fraudulent pensions is a continuous process. Each such matter is examined with reference to the provisions of the Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme, 1980, normally in consultation with the concerned State Government. On examination, wherever it is established that the claim does not meet the eligibility criteria and the evidentiary requirements of the Scheme, the pension is suspended/cancelled, after following due process. Such matters are dealt with individually. Statistical details are not maintained.

Statement

Bogus freedom fighters in various States

Sl.No.	State/UT	Suspended	Cancelled
1.	Andhra Pradesh	135	05
2.	Bihar	765	287
3.	NCT of Delhi	02	26
4.	Goa	03	09
5.	Haryana	15	22
6.	Himachal Pradesh	00	02
7.	Karnataka	570	262
8.	Kerala	723	61
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	03	00
10.	Madhya Pradesh	56	64
11.	Maharashtra	228	38
12.	Manipur	00	151
13.	Meghalaya	07	13
14.	Orissa	46	86
15.	Pondicherry	09	13
16.	Punjab	105	28
17.	Tamil Nadu	20	84
18.	Uttar Pradesh	235	226
19.	West Bengal	191	216
20.	Tripura	00	05
21.	Rajasthan	00	01
	TOTAL:	3,113	1,599